



Report from Deputy Director, Policy and Public Affairs

The Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs is the lead person responsible for fulfilling the department's federal and state mission for advocacy. The Deputy Director leads the department's policy, advocacy and communication activities.

July 1, 2019 – September 15, 2019

- Hired and onboarded, Lea Park-Kim as the new Communications Manager for SCDD.
- Directed work on SCDD's sponsored bill, AB 1019 that was signed by Governor Newsom. Coordinated work to issue joint press statement with Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). The bill is focused on ensuring apprenticeships account for the needs of people with IDD. Coordinated and attended meeting with Assistant Secretary who is leading work on apprenticeships in the Department of Industrial Relations.
- Continued to monitor and review bills in the California Legislature for the impact on people with IDD. Made recommendations to Chair of Council and Chair of LPPC. Oversaw development of, edited and submitted letters to Legislature and Governor's office.
- Staffed Legislation and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) and Employment First Committee (EFC). Led both Committees in process of deciding activities for 2020 to implement SCDD's approved policy priorities. Led LPPC in process to update the Policy Platform and decide possible sponsored bills for 2020.
- Represented SCDD at Lanterman Coalition and new Path Forward Collaborative meetings. Represented SCDD at National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Technical Assistance Institute and Conference. Was invited to participate in the Community of Practice on Secondary Transition Annual Meeting.
- Presented to SCDD's San Bernardino Regional Office's launch of new peer leadership advocacy program on "How to Advocate". Presented SCDD's Policy Priorities to SCDD's North Coast Regional Office. Presented to SCDD's Orange County Regional Office on "How to Advocate" and SCDD's Policy Priorities. Coordinated and attended series of visits with Congressional representatives in Orange County. Also, provided policy updates and got input on grassroots advocacy activities at all three meetings.
- Supported Committee Specialist to prepare for Legislation and Public Policy and Employment First Committee meetings.